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And Compensating For Process,
Voltage, Temperature, And Load
Variations**

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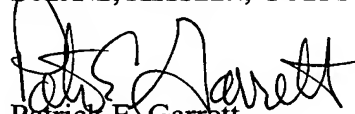
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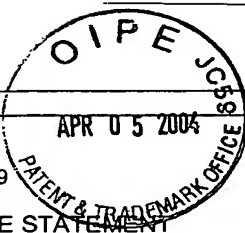


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